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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Association Dues: \$5.00 per year - \$1.50 will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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THE CITY THAT WORKS



The late Thomas Gray being congratulated by General George S. Patton. This photo was taken shortly after the end of the War, at a award ceremony in Germany.

***** Taps Sounded

Answering their last roll call we add the names of these Comrades to that long list that has gone before them. Remember them in your prayers.

Thomas M. Gray 15th Eng.
James F. Kelly Co B 15th Eng.
Richard McCumber 60th Inf
Walter J. Fredrickson 60th Inf.
Paul F. Mooney 26th F.A.
Robert Yoder 60th Inf.

May they rest in peace.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us,
Lest we forget-lest we forget!"

Just a short note to inform the association of Wally's death from a massive heart attack on December 8, 1976. He always enjoyed the Octofoil and attended reunions in Washington, D.C. a few years ago.

Something always seemed to come up to keep us from attending another. Please publish his death in your next Octofoil and let me know how I can continue receiving the paper. I would like to put an ad in his memory in your convention program.

Virginia Fredrickson
Box 267
Naples, Fla. 33940
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I received word that Tom Gray died December 30th in Brookline, Mass. Since Tom's son died in Vietnam, Tom seemed to lose interest in many things. However, his wife assured me that he never lost his interest in his devotion to the 9th Infantry Division. Tom was an officer in the 15th Engineers and was very faithful in attending the Memorial Services each year.

I have offered Mass for Tom and this weekend prayers will be offered for Tom at all our parish Masses. Tom's wife, Margaret, asked me to notify you of his death.

Every blessing to you and Marie.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Edward T. Connors

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CHICAGO REUNION REPORT

The Chicago Reunion Committee continues to make plans for the reunion. Decisions have been made on the Memorial Service and Parade, the entertainment for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Memorial

The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning at the memorial Eternal Flame on the Plaza of the Richard J. Daley Center. The parade will be approximately a mile long, forming at the plaza of the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, proceeding along Wacker Drive, Clark Street, and Washington Boulevard to the Eternal Flame.

Besides the Eternal Flame the Plaza has the world famous steel sculpture by Picasso. It was created by the renowned artist on special commission of the Fine Arts Association of Chicago.

The entertainment will follow the usual pattern of our reunions.

Welcoming Party

Thursday night will be a welcoming party with beer, pretzels, and music from a cordovox. The program for this night is designed to permit the "Old Reliables" to renew acquaintances and catch up on their friends' activities since the last reunion.

Grand Ballroom

Friday night will be a dance with music by the Ralph Berger Orchestra. This orchestra knows how to play the type of music the Ninth Division members enjoy. The dance will be in the Regency Ballroom, the Hotel's grand ballroom.

Banquet

The traditional banquet will be held Saturday night for the presentation of awards, announcements, etc. Following the banquet will be a dance with Tom Fitzsimmons' band.

The entertainment should provide plenty of fun for everyone.

For those members coming in early or staying after the Reunion the hotel has agreed to grant the convention rates for room rentals.

Registration

Registration will start at 9:00 AM on Thursday July 28, 1977. The registration area will be announced in the next issue of the Octofoil.

At their meetings between now and the reunion the committees will continue to develop their plans for the various activities. The Concurrent Activities Committee will have all kinds of information on what to see and do outside the hotel during the Reunion. Everyone should have a good time in Chicago, the City that works.

SHOPPING IN CHICAGO

From oriental rugs and cooking utensils to antique English silver and furniture to American pottery and ceramics - all of it can be purchased in Chicago, an international shopping center.

State Street in the downtown Loop area is a seven-block long bazaar lined with shops and huge department stores, including the world-famous Marshall Field & Company, Carson Pirie Scott & Company, Goldblatt's, Montgomery Ward and Company, Sears Roebuck and Company and Wieboldt's.

Between the large department stores on State Street a variety of establishments cater to every taste and budget. There are jewelry stores, high-fashion salons, specialty and gift shops, furriers and art galleries.

Wabash Avenue, one block east of State Street, is known for its book, record and photographic supply stores.

Just a few minutes' walk to the north of the Ninth's 1977 reunion hotel is Chicago's "Magnificent Mile" - dozens of luxury shops and galleries along Michigan Avenue starting at the Chicago River and extending north to Oak Street. It's a favorite of buyers and window shoppers alike. Visit the new Water Tower Place with its large stores and small specialty shops.

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THE ATRIUM MALL at Water Tower Place is a shopper's delight on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. The seven-story mall houses two major department stores and many boutiques and specialty shops. The glass elevators (left) provide a spectacular view as shoppers travel up and down through the modernistic mall. Water Tower Place is within easy walking distance of the Ninth' 1977 reunion hotel, the Hyatt Regency.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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July 28-30, 1977
Chicago, Illinois
Request for Space
in Souvenir Program
Prices

Full Page	\$30.00
Half Page	15.00
Quarter Page	7.50
Back Cover Page	50.00
Booster ads	\$1.00 per name and unit
Make out checks to Reunion Committee, Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail Copy and checks to: Mr. Frank Ozart, U.S. Route 45 and Laraway Road, Frankfort, Illinois 60423	

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1977 dues for:

Name..... Serial No.

Street Address

City.....Zone..... State.....

I was a member of:

Battery.....; Company....., Regiment....., 9th Div

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund		<input type="checkbox"/>
THREE-YEAR MEMBER	\$13.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Octofoil Automobile License Disc	\$.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decals, 25c; (5) five for	\$ 1.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ladies' Auxiliary Member	\$ 1.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combat Route Map	\$.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
60th Infantry History	\$.50	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater New York	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington, D. C.	<input type="checkbox"/>
New England	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayetteville - Fort Bragg, N. C.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mail Call CONT'D

A & D Co., 60th

John K. More,
38-5th St. Circle,
Pescara Lake Est.,
Bradenton, Fla.

Can't think of any better way to start out the New Year, than by catching up on my 1977 dues. As usual I am a bit late, but not quite so late as usual.

Best regards to yourself, and all my comrades. And keep that Octofoil coming, I look forward to and enjoy it.

Co. B 39th

A.J. Seasock,
3720 Paces Ferry Rd.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Just received the Octofoil, which I enjoyed very much, but better yet it reminded me that my three years of dues was up. So, enclosed is dues for three more years. After almost 23 years of aircraft testing with Lockheed Aircraft Co. I am now retired and hope to make more annual reunions and even a Memorial service in Worcester. May God bless you all, until all your hair turns grey and then falls out and that is a long, long time.

39th INF

John L. Schmucker,
88-32 - 186 St.,
Jamaica, N.Y.

Enclosed kindly find check for \$13 for dues for three years. Kindly mail me paid up dues card.

Remember me to my 39th buddies — Frank Russo, Bill Kreye, Charles Warner, Nick Androvich and everyone else who knew me in the 39th.

2nd Bn 39th Inf

Harry C. Herman
745 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022
Dear Dan:

Please accept enclosed dues long overdue.

Last October, Mrs. Herman and I went over on the QE II and landed at Cherbourg. We drove up to Octeville where I was hit, and instead of the farm house, there is a huge condominium!

Then we drove up to Fort du Rhoule, which you will recall was the place where the German High Command made its last stand and General Von Schlieban was captured by leading elements of the 39th.

We also visited the beaches at Utah and toured the Normandy Peninsula.

It was a most memorable trip. But one thing should be corrected, Dan. At Fort du Rhoule, the City of Cherbourg has converted the Fort into a museum which is most interesting. Unfortunately, however, there is no mention of any kind of the 9th in the museum although the flags of all the other divisions, such as the 4th, are hanging in memory. In the historical accounts, there is no mention of the 9th or any of its units.

I do not need to tell you that this is wrong and should be corrected. Since the museum is under the auspices of the City of Cherbourg's Historical Society, I would suggest two things: First, you write them of this omission, and, second, we start a fund to send them a 9th Division Flag to hang in the museum with all the others. Also, we should collect and forward such things as the Divisional Patch and the history of the 9th for the museum, which I am sure they would accept.

Please let me know what I can do to help.

All the best,
Harry C. Herman

32nd Annual Reunion
July 28-30, 1977
Chicago, Illinois

Arthur Schneider 39th Inf
318 Columbia Ave.
Stratford, N.J. 08084

Sorry to be late with dues but enclosed find check covering 3 year membership, this way I won't be behind the "8 Ball."

I am sending under separate cover a picture of Winston Churchill inspecting our Bn. before we left for France. The Officer standing behind Mr. Churchill was Colonel Tinley who was killed in the coastal attacks in France. He was transferred to our outfit from the South Pacific area and joined our Battalion in England. Possibly his next of kin would treasure such a photo. This picture was used for the Fifth War Loan drive during WW2. Shown in the picture are (l to r) Leonard Schapin, Arthur Schneider, Joseph Tekely.

SHOPPING IN CHICAGO

Looking for unusual gifts, curios or knick-knacks? You will find them in the many off-beat shops in Old Town along north Wells Street. Old Town's gaily-colored stores carry everything from low-cost original paintings to a suit of medieval armor to art deco furniture. You can buy Victorian telephones, stained glass windows, Scandinavian tableware, imported artifacts, butter molds and hooked rugs. Try The Warehouse, a new, three-story Old Town bazaar with specialty shops and restaurants.

Another area fast gaining in popularity is New Town beginning on Broadway from Diversey (2800 North) to Belmont (3200 North). This area caters to the younger, hip set with a variety of art and poster shops, clothing and hand-made boutiques for the contemporary look and smart shops for apartment and home decorating accessories. The Century is a popular new seven-story shopping center in New Town.



RESERVATIONS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Reunion July 28-31, 1977
Hayatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Arrival date _____

Departure date _____

Convention Room rates

Single (1 person)	\$31.00
Double (2 persons-1 bed)	\$31.00
Twins	
(2 persons-2 beds)	\$31.00
Executive Suites	\$95.00
Regency Suites	\$130.00

Reservations must be received 21 days prior to opening date of Convention.

LADIES' AUXILIARY
of the

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for \$1.50 for 1977 dues. Please mail my membership card to-

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with
give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to
Mrs. Lillian Krasovetz
107 USA East
Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026

CHAPTER NEWS

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
NEWS

Nostalgia is getting the best of the 1977 Reunion Chairman John Clouser. He just returned from the garage attic where he went to inventory 9th Division items which he toted back from the New York Reunion. He must have gotten carried away and reappeared with leather wallet he purchased in Algiers during WW II which contained a collection of coins and military currency from Italy, Belgium, England and Germany.

First Meeting of
'77 at Clousers

The January meeting was well attended as members and their ladies got down to the serious business of planning for the reunion. The Illinois Chapter is anxious to make the year 1977 memorable for more than just the severity of the weather. As a matter of fact, Chuck Koskie was unable to attend the January meeting because of the demands of his position with the natural gas company during the frigid weather we experienced. Rest assured that come July, Paul and Lorraine Clark are doing their Sun Dance to bring in good weather. Jerry Fajnor sent his other half, Dorothy, to the meeting but was unable to attend himself because of an injury.

Meeting at
Lacie's Lair

Joe and Ceil Lacie hosted the February meeting which was a healthy combination of business and pleasure. After a few stimulating beverages and looking over pictures of the Christmas party, Chapter president Bill Hennemuth called the meeting to order. John Clouser reported that the site for the Memorial Service had been approved and also that he had received a parade permit. The 81st Army Band is scheduled to keep the Old Reliabilities in the step for the short march to the "Eternal Flame" at the Richard Daly Civic Center. Dance bands of the evening entertainments have been selected and menu choices for the Banquet have been made. Lorraine Clark has made arrangements for the Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

Chuck Koskie's treasurers reports prompted many to dig deep to pay their annual dues. Frank Ozart will be receiving orders for the reunion program book at the next meeting. Booster ads are arriving and Frank wishes to encourage everyone to place their orders soon.

The culmination of the evening came when Ceil served up her famous sauerkraut and polish Sausage dished along with salads and coffee. Ceil has a standing order from the guys to serve this whenever we meet at her home. It's the greatest.

Signs of Spring

Scholarship applications are beginning to come in. This is one of the first signs of spring here. The second sign of spring is when Bud Remer returns from his annual winter vacation in Acapulco.

The March meeting will be at Tedtmans restaurant. After the business meeting, there will be a St. Patrick's celebration. The old player piano will render Irish tunes for our enjoyment.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Clouser
901 Graceland
Des Plaines, Ill.
60016

NEW YORK CHAPTER

On January 7, 1977 the New York Chapter held its Installation of Officers for the year. George Apar was the installing Officer and he did his usual splendid job despite some good-natured cajoling from the members. Of course before the ceremony Emil Langer had opened his last meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer for our departed comrades.

Irv Feinberg the Treasurer surprised the members when he had bank statements instead of relying on a few scraps of paper. Irv told the members present that the 50-50 raffle was successful and this is the main source of income of the chapter for the year.

HERE-N-THERE

Nick Palega is doing nicely after suffering a slight heart attack in December. He missed the last meetings because of the weather but we expect to see him at the March meeting to be held on the 4th. Al Orletti is due for an operation for cataracts and we wish him well. Val DeMaria was at the February meeting but he said he had not fully recovered from his fall last November. As we go to press we learned that Dom Miele was discharged from the hospital where he had a "pace maker" inserted. (Hang in Dom)

THANKFUL

At the February meeting Harry Meltzer the new president of the Chapter read the correspondence that included a letter of thanks from Mrs. Paul Mooney for sympathy on the death of her husband, Paul., 26th F.A. The family of John T. Agosta also sent a letter of appreciation to the Chapter. John passed away in December.

URGED TO WRITE

Mike Deresh appealed to the membership to write to Walter O'Keefe Chairman of the Study Committee of admitting new members to the association other than those who served from 1941 to 1945.

ITINERARY FOR THE YEAR

President Meltzer announced the program for the coming year. Helping to plan the events were the following Chapter Board members: John Morris 60th Inf., Arthur Schmidt 15th Engs., John Parisi, 39th Inf., Frank Fazio 47th Inf., Irv Feinberg 47th Inf., and Harry Meltzer 47th Inf.

The following program was set up:

Meetings on the 1st Friday of each month, except for September 9th.

No meetings in July or August.

May 6th will be Past Presidents Night.

May 21st Memorial Services at Long Island National Cemetery with a picnic to follow at Bethpage State Park October the Fall Dance.

November 4th Nomination of Officers for 1978

December 2nd Elections of Officers.

December 11th-Christmas Party.

January 6th, 1978 Installation of Officers for 78.

The Meeting place-the Same-the Armory on 25th and Lexington Ave., in N.Y.C.

Arthur R. Schmidt,
Secretary,
Greater New York Chapter

Michigan Doings

1976 was a great year for the Chapter and we're going back to where it all began. On Saturday, February 12, 7:30 PM we opened the New Year at Vice Pres. Ed & Marge Wisniewski's home at 7576 Gratiot Rd. in Richmond, Michigan, 48062 (Phone 313-367-3496)

Two main items on the agenda were the Annual Elections and Plans for this year's events. The usual Social periods will follow so do bring the Gals.

NEWS-NOTES

The Christmas Party at Bob & Flo DeSandy's home was just wonderful. That traditional Yule spirit presided with plenty of good cheer, refreshments, delicious food and snacks. There were 35 of us at that final event of a most successful year.

Hosts. Bob & Flo DeSandy
John & Jane Young
Don & Helen Lewis
Bill & Lucile Andrews
John & Thelma Obermiller
Chuck & Charlotte Fox
Bill & Dolores Zimmerman
Len & Lorry DeBell
Bill & Barb Meadows
John & Rose Bondowski
Pres. Elmer Wagner
Everett & Irene Tapp
John Zulkiewski
Fred & Jane Josey
Floyd & Lee Hennessey
Gene Reedy
Leonard & Sally Kowalski
Charles & Doris Williams
Richard & Joan Bacashihua

It was a time of fun and some reminiscing. The fun came as Pres. Elmer Wagner and Fred Josey tried their hand as character annalists. They really blew it at our expense and we all had our share of laughs.

A lot of that reminiscing came about, when Len and Sally Kowalski showed up at their first Chapter event in many years.

Newcomer, Bill Zimmerman who attended the Outstate Meeting alone, brought his wife, Dolores to the Party. It's nice to know that they also will be making most of the Chapter Doings from now on. (This must be some message to those that have dropped out somewhere along the line and others who never got to join us, for one reason or another.)

Although, John Obermiller still isn't feeling up to par, he and Thelma came to help make the Party, what it was. Bless you.

Delighted to see Bill & Lucile Andrews again, all the way from Comstock Park, a suburb of Grand Rapids. We thank Bill for a prospective new member, Bill Fuston who lives down the block.

And we were pleasantly surprised that Bill & Barb Meadows have changed their mind and came along with Don & Helen Lewis.

Bowling didn't interfere again, so we had the pleasure of having Len & Lorry DeBell in the crowd. The more the merrier.

CANDY MAN

Once again we were treated to that good peanut brittle candy by the Hennesseys. Lee says that this is Floyd's specialty. No wonder, he's our favorite candy-man.

Gene Reedy continues to deliver the Red-Pop at a good price and this is always appreciated.

European Trip

Don & Helen Lewis had some fine snap-shots of their recent European trip. Of special interest was revisiting the area beyond Remagen. Over in the small town of St. Katharinen they placed flowers at a church Shrine in honor of all those that have made the Supreme Sacrifice. Practically the whole village turned out for the Ceremony. Contact has been made and pictures have been exchanged with the Parish priest.

BOOSTERS

Looking ahead to the Reunion, the "Guys & Gals" Booster page has already been started. We hope to reach a new high of a hundred boosters and only with your help can this be attained. The cost is still a dollar for each name and your Unit is included.

The Memorial Shrine Fund is another project worthy of your support. From now till the end of June your donations for both of these projects will be greatly appreciated.

Bob & Flo DeSandy will be missed at the coming meeting. They are heading for Florida to join the whole family on a very special occasion. Bob's Dad will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on Feb. 8. The entire Chapter wishes him our very best and a prayer for many, many more years of wonderful healthy and happy life. While in that part of the country it's possible that they may visit Maurice & Vi Mitchell. Our best wishes go with them.

Ray Poirier must have liked what he saw when he attended his very first meeting in Frankenmuth. Not being able to make the Christmas Party, he sent his dues and became the 16th Life Member in our Chapter. Our gratitude for something that we can all be proud of.

Richard & Joan Bacashihua came along with Everett & Irene Tapp. They are real friends of the Chapter and we are grateful for their constant support, in so many of the projects.

It was good to see Chuck & Charlotte Fox enjoying themselves and joining in a bit of Sing-along around the bar.

Quite a busy week-end for John Al & Jane Young. They've made that long trip from Lewiston and were over-night guests of Bob & Flo after enjoying the Party. The following day, they revisited their former home town of Imlay City and attended the Annual Christmas Party at his V.F.W. Post.

We are also thankful for another couple, Charles & Doris Williams who are becoming more active in our Chapter affairs.

Elmer Wagner, Pres.
John Bonkowski, Sec.

SERVICE BATTERY 26th
FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Gentlemen:

May each and every man who ever wore the OCTOFOIL have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The New Year in New England is not starting off like a lamb by any means. Snow and high winds for more than fifteen hours deposited more than eighteen inches of snow. Drifts and poor visibility make plowing extremely difficult.

Those of us who work for the Postal Service have in recent years noticed a serious drop in what the service calls First Class mail. This type of mail now includes Christmas Cards. I must say that my letter carrier has made as many trips to my door as he ever had and deposited more mail on each trip than he ever did. Over forty-five Christmas Cards were received from men with whom I served in Service Battery 26FA or from other Ninth men whom my wife and I met at the many National Conventions that we attended.

Mixed among Christmas Cards was a sad letter informing us of the death of Mrs. "Davey" Rogers, Whitefield, New Hampshire. Her husband was Lawrence "Dick" Rogers of Hdqtrs. 26FA. Both were missing from our last Memorial Mass and every ex 26er present on Saturday and Sunday was asking for Dick and Davey.

Joe Mosier has been transferred to Madison, Wisconsin. He said that there is quite a difference in temperature and amount of snow between Chicago and Madison.

Paul Griffin went hunting for deer in the wilds of Western Pennsylvania and never fired his rifle. His hunting party consisting of ten other men had just as much luck.

Joe Albanese had an accident a week after returning home from the Memorial Mass. He fell from a ladder and broke his right arm.

For some unknown reason I did not write my annual report for the OCTOFOIL about our Memorial Mass and Worcester week-end.

Our Memorial Mass for 1976 was no different from other Masses. However there were more people at The Mass, at the Coffee Shop and at the hotel than in '75. There were never faces. There were old faces returning after an absence of a few years. The spirit, enthusiasm, and enjoyment at the coffee shop were well worth the sacrifices many had to make in order to be in Worcester that week-end.

Those at Mass knew why they were there, to honor our dead. From the expression on some faces one could read that someone was giving some thought to one he left on the field of battle.

Many new faces were at our outdoor Memorial Services. Among them were General Westmoreland, the new Mayor of Worcester, and the new President of our association along with Ralph Witzkim, Fr. Rowan and Fr. Connors had small but impressive parts during the service.

The soldier of the year, a good looking, well built young man and wearing the stripes which in our time were corporal stripes represented the new Ninth which is now at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

It would be a serious mistake for me not to say "Thank You" to the good people at Immaculate. In no other parish on this earth do people do what they do and do it so graciously. May you and your Pastor continue to have good health in the many years to come. Thank you very much.

While your thoughts are wandering during the long winter nights why not steer them towards our Convention in Chicago this summer. Then to The Thirty Third Annual Memorial Mass which we hope Fr. Connors will announce while he is in Chicago.

Have a good year.

Sincerely yours,
Joe McKenzie

95 Washington Av
Waltham Mass
02154

MAIL CALL

THE OCTOFOIL

JOHN J. CLOUSER
901 GRACELAND STREET
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS
60016

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Salvatore Longo, Jr.
49 Kipp Ave.,
Elmwood Park, N.J.
I wish to thank the New York Chapter members for the scholarship I received.

2nd Bn. 60th Inf.

John Compel,
2020 Parnsdale Ave.,
McKeesport, Pa.

Enclosed is my 77 dues. I have 5 weeks vacation this year. I hope to spend one at the convention in Chicago.

My wife lived 10 years in Chicago and graduated from High School there. It will be like old home week for her.

15th Engrs.

Russ Bassel,
Box 2961,
Port Charlotte, Fla.

News of Tom Grays' death hit us hard. So very glad we got to see him for a couple of days last summer at Cape Cod.

A post card from Millstone and Forrest from the Bahamas.

Hope to see you all at Chicago next summer. Dues enclosed for 77' 78' and 79'.

9th QM

Leroy Dreifus,
1021 San Remo Cir.,
Largo, Fla.

I suppose this will be my last subscription to the Octofoil as my vision is failing due to Glaucoma, Emphysema and asthma. The medications blur the vision.

Please put this in the Octofoil as I use to attend all the meetings prior to our move to Florida. We have been down here 16 years and only attended one. That was the one in 72'.

Now my wife is more or less confined to a wheelchair and I'm losing my vision, what will become of us?

Enclosed please find check, though the doctor made a crack about getting glasses that I would see again, it is very discouraging.

I was a member of the 9th QM, give the credit to Washington.

15th Engrs.

Maurice N. Tougas,
111 Aetna St.,
Central Falls, R.I.

Enclosed are my dues for 1977.

I wish you and the Association a Happy and Prosperous Year.

A. Co. 39th Reg.

Edward Lewis, 1841 S. 51st St.,
Cicero, Ill.

Sorry I'm late with my dues. I'm hoping to see you people at the reunion in Chicago. Wishing everyone good health and lots of luck.

Hq 3 Bn 60th

Joe Rappazini,
24001 Sherman,
Oak Park, Mich.

Over the miles and through the years

There've been moments of joy and moments of tears

Overshadowing these are memories fond, of comrades joined in a common bond;

To serve and save this land so free —

That the world may share in tranquility.

C. Co. 47th

Ted Youngquist
1764 Howard Ave.,
Maple Plains, Minn.

Not a word about who wrote 47th Inf. Sept. 44'. Whoever it was, was on the inside track.

Best to Father Connors. Hope I am still a "P.F.C."

Eds Note: The story about the 47th that appeared in the last two issues of Octofoil was written at the time by the Regimental Historian and no names appeared with these records.

47th, 1st Bn. Hq.

Edward Slosson, Jr.
63 Sherwood Pl.,
Greenwich, Conn.

Enclosed my check for another 3 years dues.

Best of Holiday greetings to all the Gang.

C Battery, 60th F.A. Bn.
George J. Furber,
11825 S.W. 107 Ave.,
Miami, Fla. 33176

I have enclosed my check for 1977 dues New York Chapter. Please note new zip number. Best regards to you and your family.

47th Co. D.

Ron Frank,
Rd. No. 1, Box 122-D,
Leechburg, Pa.

Hope all is well with you. We are fine. Became grandparents of two lovely twin girls last September 11, 1976. We enjoy them so, and watching them grow.

Enclosed are dues for 1977.

47th Inf.

Boardman F. Lockwood
242 Trumbull Street
Hartford, Conn. 06103

Happy New Year!

As the years pass by perhaps we are more inclined to remember the past than to regard the future, but in any case the enclosed copy of The Buzzer, published by the Rotary Club of Hartford, Conn. may be of interest.

Wilfred LaBrique was a replacement to "L" Company of the 47th after we arrived in Normandy and was wounded in the vicinity of St. Lo after being with us for only a couple of weeks. My connection with him goes back to the days when we had a Conn. Chapter and met at the old Bond Hotel, at which Rotary met until it became a nurses residence for a local hospital. Wilfred's recollections of the Division are somewhat sketchy but his long and devoted service to Rotary is an indication of the stability of his character and this tribute to him is a nice recognition by an organization whose motto is "Service above Self".

Undoubtedly there are other "Wilfreds" in the world but perhaps there might be space in the OCTOFOIL for a brief story about him.

Co. F. 60th

John Schriffen
509 S 12th St.
New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040

I am sending \$5.00 for dues 77', \$10 for Xmas party on books. I was too sick to go to the party. It seems to me every Friday meeting, it is raining and my driving on nights is not too good. I am hoping to see the gang some Friday night, in New York City.

Co M 60th Inf.

Wildred Thornton
515 E. Dubail St.
South Bend, Ind. 46613

I decided after 31 years of paying dues by the year and for the 3 year period to just make it a Life membership, enclosed find check for \$50.00.

I hope I can make it to Chicago in 77 for the reunion, it has been several years since I have been to one.

I still contact a lot of Company M, 60th men at Christmas time exchanging cards.

Lots of luck.

Hqs. Battery-Div Arty

Ralph Fulbright
Rt 3 Box 341
Vale, N.C. 28168

Ralph sends his dues and writes "I enjoy reading the Octofoil. Would like to hear from some of the members in my old Battery. Say hello to all".

Ser Co. 39th Inf

Henry H. Nissen
401 Wallingsford Ter.
Union, N.J. 07085

Henry has been a Life member in the Association since 1967 and writes "Happy Holidays" to all the old gang.

E Co 47th Inf

John Hynes
P.O. Box 183
Bronx, N.Y.

John writes "I've been confined to quarters on sick call but had a friend pick up my mail at the Post Office."

With all I went through after getting captured in the battle of El Guettar Tunisia, North Africa and 26 months a Kriessg long ner (P.O.W.) with Der Fuhrer and no heat in the barracks and northern Germany and so little food, rudobaker soup and 1-10 of a loaf of black bread and ersotz (imitation) tea and thanks to the Red Cross (survived) now a little draft in the apartment sometimes all day without heat I catch a cold or flu very easy.

Sister Alice who is in charge of the Senior Center that I go to at the Immaculate Conception school has been to see me twice in a few days and is coming in the morning and we go to the doctor. What makes it worse, I am single and alone as my two sisters passed away. My brother lives in Sarasota, Florida so eventually I will go there. I survived Germany with no heat in the barracks and straw for a bed and two thin very small blankets. I guess they grabbed from some dead soldiers, the French or whatever all the different countries Hitler was fighting.

I hear from a fellow Merton Leroy Call (former 9th man) who is in Eastport, Maine and I think he belongs to the Association, in fact I think that is how he got my name. I don't remember him with my company and or when we were captured because I wasn't too long with E. Co. as I originally was with I Co. before I went to O.C.S. and didn't make it so I was sent back to E Co. where they were in the company street going to Maryland for maneuvers (Solomon Islands and then for the invasion of North Africa."

60th Inf.

John Downey
40 Center St.
Jersey City, N.J. 07302

Enclosed please find check for dues for 1977.

I have a new address which is 40 Center Street, Jersey City, N.J. 07302.

We send our good wishes for a very happy, healthy New Year to all.

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Co F 47th Inf

Edward Hopkins
110 Hollywood Ave.
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

I darn near drove up to Heckersville to visit with John (Smig) Tokarchek during the Christmas holidays. But one thing led to another and I didn't get around to it. I was doing quite a bit of corresponding with Earl Wilkey for a while this past year. He needed some character letters sent to the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs. I wrote one extolling his virtues, Vince Gugliemino and F.M. Smith (Captain) wrote one. The guy at the V.A. said, "Boy what an outfit you must have been with to get such a response!" Wilkey's reply was, "It was because of guys like that, that we won the war!"

Earl was my tent partner in the stadium in Safi. He was "shanghied" after the Sicilian campaign- to the 3rd Division. He was captured at Anzio or the Volturno River and spent the rest of the war in POW camp. Sam Buemi was with him at the time but wasn't captured. Sam also wrote a letter to the V.A. Now Earl has all kinds of heart ailments and circulations problems, is unable to work.

I invited him to my house for the convention this past summer and he was all set to come but he had to blow in the fare money on hospital bills at the last minute. I also got in touch with F.M. Smith, our old C.O. He is in the real estate business in Southern Pines. About a month ago I was visiting friends in the Jersey Shore area and I gave Tony Repetti a ring. We had a long conversation did a lot of reminiscing. He owns Pat's Diner plus a Motor Lodge at the Belmar Inlet.

All the best to the old gang.

26 F.A. Batt. A. 9th Div.
Michael LePore,
Westchester Ave.,
Poundridge, N.Y.

I am now in the West Haven, Conn. Veteran's Hospital. I was operated on in October for a laryngectomy. I also had cancerous tumors under my arm. They have been arrested. I am now taking speech therapy and I am looking forward to a complete recovery.

EDITORS Note: Hang in there Mike - and May God bless you.

15th Eng. B. Co.

John Mutchko
78 Summit Ave.,
Waldwick, N.J. 07463

Just a few words to thank the person who picked out my name in the Christmas 50-50 drawing in New York. It came in good use (the loot) for Christmas shopping. I hope all is well with you. All is well here in our home. Getting older and still working just as hard. I hope to retire in 6 years. I have three (3) grand-children. My son John is 12 and going to college. He is taking police science in school. I will be looking to get a ticket from him when he graduates.

Joseph S. D'Aleo 3rd Bn 47th Inf
407 Carver Drive
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

Joe sends his dues for three years and wanted to know where he could get copies of the 47th Regimental history and a copy of 8 Stars to Victory. (Both books have long been sold out.) "We are going to England for a month and I thought the histories would help remembering places we stayed at or visited during our training there."

Eds. note: The secretary will get you a map - Joe - that is the Division map.

John E. Thornton Co. D 60th Inf.
Box 3782, Mdse. Mart Sta
Chicago, Ill. 60610

Do hope this finds you and your family all in good health, and that things are going real good for you. I am fine, getting a bit crabby and old at times, that's to be expected when one gets 68 Plus? Looks like I will get to meet you and some of the others this coming year at the 1977 reunion. I will get in touch with John Clouser and the members of the Illinois Chapter and hope to give them a hand at the reunion.

May all the best be yours today, tomorrow and always.
E Co 47th Inf

Joseph Hasenfus
7435 Irving Avenue
Pennsauken, N.J. 08109

Joe send his dues and regards to all the old gang of the 4th Platoon, Easy Company 47th Inf. and especially to Captain Petty, and 1st Soldier Brown.

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